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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION - RUSSIA'S ISOLATION AT G-8
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11. LEAD STORIES: All six Friday morning papers gave top play to an agreement at the G-8 leaders' meeting Thursday in Heilingendamm, Germany, on the need for substantial global reductions in -- and consideration of seriously halving -- greenhouse gas emissions by 2050.

12. "Russia Sharply at Odds with US and EU at G-8 Summit" Heilingendamm correspondent Sakai of business-oriented Nihon Keizai Shimbun wrote (6/8): "Russia has been noticeably isolated from the other G-8 members at the Heilingendamm summit. During his meeting with President Bush, Russian President Putin tried to overcome this by making a counterproposal regarding the planned US deployment of a missile defense (MD) system in Eastern Europe, but it does not appear that he was able to close the gap. It has also become clear that Moscow has a view of democracy different from that of the other seven members, raising concern that Russia could be an obstacle to G-8 unity. After the meeting, Putin emphasized that Russia and the US could settle the MD dispute by agreeing to work together against possible threats.... The tug-of-war between the two countries over MD is likely to continue ahead of the planned US-Russia summit in early July."

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